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FLAT RIVER

Distressing Accident

Last Sunday morning just at the corner of the Sunday schools of the Christian and Baptist churches occurred one of the most distressing accidents that has ever happened in Flat River. Firman, the little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McDowell, just after leaving the Baptist Sunday school, in attempting to cross the street, was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Sizemore of Leadwood and was instantly killed. The front wheel knocked him down and the rear wheel passed over his head and crushed it beyond recognition by his father who came a few moments later. Those who witnessed the accident say that it was unavoidable and place no blame on the driver of the machine. It was the result of a congested situation in which three autos were passing at the same time. The boy became bewildered and ran in front of the auto that struck him. It is a very busy corner. Several accidents have happened there, all of great caution, both on the part of auto drivers and the traveling public. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms and at a later hour an inquest was held, at which it was declared to be an unavoidable accident. Funeral services were conducted on Monday at the Baptist Church by the pastor, and the whole community was shocked by the terrible calamity. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

The Lead Belt Woman's Club held their regular meeting on Friday afternoon, and after the roll call and transaction of business a most excellent program was given by the sons and daughters of the members of the club. The program consisted of readings and vocal and instrumental selections, and all were very well rendered. The attendance was large. After the program, fruit salad and cookies were served and a social time enjoyed. The next meeting is an important one and every lady should be present, as it is time for the election of officers and will be held on March 23.

On Friday evening, March 23, there will be another meeting of the Community Chorus, in the High School Auditorium. The attendance should be large. Do not forget the date.

The club is planning to have its annual entertainment for charity on Easter Monday, April 9.

The funeral of John Higgins, who died Sunday morning, was held at the Catholic church in Desloge Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Father Cunningham. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at St. Francois. Mr. Higgins was aged 49 years and had been in poor health for several years, though his last illness only lasted a few days.

One of the best entertainments of the winter lyceum course was given Saturday night by the Musical Guardsmen, a company of six young men. Every number on the program was enjoyed by a large audience.

Hiram Berry of Malden was the guest of Flat River friends several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Toengas of Fredericktown were Sunday visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Williams.

Mrs. D. H. Cameron was the guest of Elvins relatives Tuesday.

Mrs. F. L. Keith of Rivermines spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Highley of Desloge.

Misses Mildred Keith and Jean Stopinet, who have been having a kindergarten in the social room of the Presbyterian church, have arranged to hold it in the club room of the Domestic Science building. Mothers who wish to send their children will please call No. 73 or 94 on telephone

and get information as to rates of tuition.

Those who have availed themselves of the privilege of hearing Rev. Robert L. Evans, pastor-evangelist of St. Louis, at the Presbyterian church, on Sunday and during the evenings of the past week, have been greatly benefited. The weather has been bad, but the congregations have increased each evening. Mr. Evans is a man of pleasing personality and has a message. His sermon on Tuesday evening on "The Signs of the Times" will long be remembered by all who heard it.

Miss Bertha Black of Farmington was the guest of Lillian Schmidt of Taylortown Sunday afternoon and evening.

AVON

Quite a rain storm passed over this region Sunday afternoon, accompanied by an abundance of hail, so for several minutes the ground was white with hail stones.

The Misses Herman spent Sunday at the home of A. W. Vogt.

Tucker and Johnnie Boyd were Ste. Genevieve callers last Saturday.

T. B. Chandler of Route 3 spent the week-end with friends at this place and attended the box supper and entertainment which was given by the school Saturday evening.

Colds and la grippe seem to be a common epidemic in this vicinity at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blackledge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coffman and family last Friday.

E. L. Rodgers recently sold a fine mare to C. H. Wray of Fredericktown. Mrs. Andrew Vogt spent Wednesday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Tony Gegg, of near Coffman.

Paul Boyd of Coldwater spent a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. Ashan Adams, and family of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheer moved the latter part of last week to the Gooch farm near this place. We welcome these good people to our community.

C. A. Boyd departed the first of the week with his son, Ralph, for Savannah, Mo., where the latter is taking treatment for a supposed cancer of the mouth. We are glad to report that he is apparently getting along nicely.

The box supper and entertainment, which was given by the Avon public school Saturday evening, conducted by the teacher, W. E. Coffey, was a complete success in every way. As the weather was ideal and the roads were good, a large crowd assembled and a pleasant evening was spent.

The program was rendered in a very creditable manner, also a short and excellent talk on tilling the soil, etc., was given by T. B. Chandler and was much appreciated, after which the boxes were auctioned off to the highest bidder. This, too, proved to be a great entertainment, due to the jovial way in which the auctioneer, John B. Wampler, disposed of those delicious suppers and brought the snug sum of \$14.25. Then a fine cake baked by Mrs. N. A. Mertell was brought forth to be awarded to the prettiest young lady present, and was won by Miss Reva Boyd by a majority of 75 votes.

The cake brought \$2.85. Also one was auctioned for the ugliest man and was won by Velva McDowell of Coffman. It brought \$14.90. The total proceeds amounted to the sum of \$32, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

One of the most distressing accidents that this section has for some time, if ever, witnessed, occurred on Wednesday afternoon of last week, when a barn belonging to Chas. Bauer, caught on fire and within it besides feed was Gilbert, aged about 13 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bauer, and his little dog, and they

were burned to death. The origin of the fire is not known. It is thought to have originated from a cigarette which the little fellow might have been smoking, as he sometimes did. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock by the family. They did not know the child was in the barn. They at once gave the alarm and within a very short time neighbors, teacher and school children rushed to the assistance; but too late, for the life was extinct before they could remove him, as the roof was falling in when they reached there. Some report of having heard him call for help before the end came by saying: "Mamma, here I am, get me!" After diligent and untiring work the body was removed from the fire. Both upper and lower limbs were entirely missing. A coroner from Ste. Genevieve was at once summoned and inquest was held.

Little Gilbert Bauer, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bauer of Coffman, was born Nov. 11, 1903, and departed this life March 7, 1917, age 13 years, 3 months and 27 days. Besides his grief-stricken parents, he leaves one sister, Hilda, and two brothers, James and Henry, all of Coffman, and a half brother, Walter Shearlock of Flat River; also a host of other relatives and numerous friends to mourn his departure. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at River Aux Vases Thursday. We extend heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

LIBERTYVILLE

Quite a hail storm and rain was experienced here last Sunday afternoon and night.

Miss Maud Biggs was a Farmington visitor one day last week.

N. C. Sebastian and sons were Knob Lick visitors last Sunday afternoon.

G. W. Simpson was a Fredericktown visitor one day last week.

P. G. Keith was baling hay for Cyrus Moore and son on D. Clark's farm here last week.

P. A. Cashion attended a sale at Henry McLarny's, near Cross Roads, last Saturday.

Leo Moran has been on the sick list, but is some better at this writing.

Will Weatherington spent the latter part of last week with his family here.

C. F. Detring is driving a new Ford. Rev. Sitten filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

Dr. Eugas made a professional call here one day last week.

Robt. and D. F. Moran and families of Bonne Terre spent last Sunday with their parents here.

Bonne Terre one day last week.

Charley Lawson of Desloge was a guest of home folks here Sunday.

Miss Ethel Whaley of near DeSoto was a guest of Miss Katie Hoelzel of Melzo Sunday.

Robert Lawson was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday.

Miss Esther Rawson was a guest at the home of Wm. A. Moon one day last week.

We are having some wet weather at this writing.

Charley and Leonard Lawson, Leathel Rawson, Bryan Jones, Amos Holdman, Ellis Moon, Ronald Pratte, Jake Pettas attended church services at the Prospect school house Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Moon has been very ill at her home for the last few days.

The rain and hail storms here Sunday were something fierce.

Lass Cash was a guest at the home of his uncle, John Cash, of near Big River last Wednesday night.

Wm. Blackwell and family of near Melzo spent Sunday and Sunday night at the home of Morris Jones.

Howard and Clarence Blackwell of near Melzo attended church at the Prospect school house Sunday.

Miss Clara Blackwell and Miss Emma Turley were shopping in Bonne Terre one day last week.

KNOB LICK

Mr. White was a Farmington visitor Friday.

Mrs. George Worm was called to DeSoto last week on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Eva Sutherland.

Ralph Hughes was a Farmington visitor Friday.

J. Sutherland left Saturday for the Missouri Pacific hospital in St. Louis, as he got his foot somewhat bruised while trying to start a motor car. He fell under the car and the wheel ran over his left foot. We hope to have him back home soon.

Mrs. Holdman and children of St. Louis are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aspliof at this writing.

R. Moore returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in the Lead Belt.

Robt. Hibbitts made a business trip to Farmington Friday.

George Jennings of Farmington was a Knob Lick visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullerson and baby of Flat River are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGeorge at this writing.

Orlie Wampler left Monday for his home in Elvins, after a short visit with relatives here.

Joseph Bayless of Desloge spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. R. Bayless, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilkerson of

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Saturday

MARCH 17



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Come, and See for Yourself

RAINS & CROFT

FARMINGTON, - - - - - MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Froman of Campbell, Mo., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Grey.

Tom Sykes of the Lead Belt is spending a few days with his family here.

Stanley Grey, who is manager of the Consolidated Store of this place, is attending the banquet given by the drummers in Fredericktown this week. Salesman Snyder was in our town Monday.

ROUTE 1

Mrs. Thomas Halter of Farmington spent the latter part of last week with her cousin, Mrs. Ferd Casteel.

ROUTE 2

I have found out who the party is that tore a wheel off my mail cart while standing at the hitch rack at the Farmington Merc. Co. last Monday evening, and to save himself trouble he will please pay damages to ORA TURLEY.

Lightning struck two houses on this route last Sunday afternoon, one belonging to Roy Byington and the other to Joe Thurman, but no serious damage was done to either. At the Byington home a safe was struck and a few dishes were broken. At the Thurman home the lightning struck in the gable of the house, tearing off the cornice and some shingles.

ROUTE 3

T. B. Chandler, carrier on this route, attended the box supper at Avon last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton and Pierce Wildman of Esther, Mr. and Mrs. David Counts of Flat River, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Counts, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hampton and Marvin Allen of this route spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hampton.

We had our first hard spring rain Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. David Counts and daughter, Lanore; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Counts of Flat River attended church at Pleasant Hill Sunday and visited relatives.

Miss Audie Bloom and Wm. Brannon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wampler and family.

Orvall Harter of Flat River spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Harter.

Several of the young folks of Oak Grove attended the box supper at Avon.

Miss Addie Smith of Flat River is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Miss Florence Bowling of Mt. Vernon, Ill., spent the week end with her

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling, of this route.

Miss Mamie Smith of Farmington spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Amsie Vaughn and Miss Kathleen Lentz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gordon and family.

James Bowling, Jr., of Yount, Mo., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Thumore on the 11th of March, a boy.

Noah Hammors and his sister are moving back to the old home place. They say, "There's no place like home."

Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton of Flat River spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hampton.

The box supper at Avon was a success. They took in about \$32.00.

Miss Reva Boyd got the cake for the prettiest young lady present.

Velvie McDowell of Coffman won the cake for the ugliest young man present.

Little Boy Burned to Death.

On Wednesday of last week Gilbert Bauer, age 14 years, of Coffman was burned to death in his father's barn. It is not known how the barn caught fire but it is supposed the little fellow had lighted a match and dropped it in the hay in the loft, for there is where he was when the fire was discovered. Every effort was made to get the little fellow out, but in vain. The body was buried the next day at River Aux Vases.

ROUTE 5

Carrier R. M. Barton is off on a five days' vacation. Substitute Carrier George Humphrey is carrying the mail during Mr. Barton's absence.

ROUTE 6

Walter Hoehn and sister, Miss Myrtle, of Doe Run and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob of Elvins spent Sunday at the home of Henry Herbst.

Miss Julia Herbst of Bonne Terre spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herbst.

There was quite a severe hail storm on this route Sunday afternoon. There were window glasses broken, roofs damaged and the fruit trees were also damaged. At the home of Henry Herbst 23 window glasses were broken.

Carrier John L. Wood was unable to make his regular round Monday and Tuesday on account of the high water.

H. C. Sutton was a business visitor in Flat River Tuesday.

Everything—every week—\$1

Live Stock Sale

Having rented my farm, I will have a public sale of the following live stock, at my place a half mile north of public square in Farmington, on

Saturday, March 31, 1917

BEGINNING AT 1 O'CLOCK

38 HEAD OF CATTLE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 coming three-year-old heifers, 9 coming four-year-old cows, 2 coming 7-year-old cows, 4 two-year-old steers, 1 coming 2-year-old Whiteface bull, and 15 yearlings. 3 thoroughbred Poland China brood sows, all bred to registered male, 12 fat hogs, 1 mare with young colt, 1 saddle horse coming 5-year-old, 1 coming 2-year-old mare mule and one 2-horse farm wagon and 1 single buggy.

TERMS: Cash, or bankable note.

J. E. BEARD.

TOM STRAUFHAN, Auctioneer.

Miss Maggie Lewis departed last week for a few weeks' stay with her sister in Centralia, Ill.

N. A. Kinkead bought a nice bunch of hogs from J. C. Crow one day this week, which he expects to feed for the market.

Mr. Abernathy and sons visited in Flat River a few hours last Sunday afternoon.

G. N. Kinkead was a Farmington visitor Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Haral will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday.

N. A. Kinkead and P. A. Cashion unloaded a car of corn at Ste. William last week.

Prof. and Mrs. C. B. McClintock spent Saturday and Sunday at their home in Farmington.

Lawrence Johnson and family attended church here last Sunday.

Chas. Moore and family of near Cross Roads visited the family of Cyrus Holmes here last Sunday.

John Keith and family spent last Sunday with Mrs. Keith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McCarver.

Our County Agent, A. I. Foard, gave a pruning demonstration at the home of F. L. Graham last Wednesday afternoon.

The farmers here met last Thursday night and organized. The officers of the sub-bureau here are P. A. Cashion, president; Albert Belken, vice president, and Henry Detring, secretary and treasurer. They will meet the first Thursday night in each month.

PRIMROSE

Rev. Boyd of near Koester filled his appointment at the prospect school house Sunday.

Miss Nellie Moon of Bonne Terre spent from Saturday till Monday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Moon.

Ferton Rawson spent Sunday night in Bonne Terre with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Alice Moon was shopping in

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